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In re the Application of:

MING-CHANG LEE

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ELECTRONIC APPARATUS WITH  
LATCH DEVICE

Art Unit: 2835

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### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Applicants wish to make of record in the above-identified application the document or documents referenced on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each reference is enclosed herewith.

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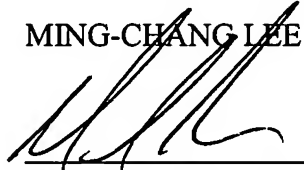
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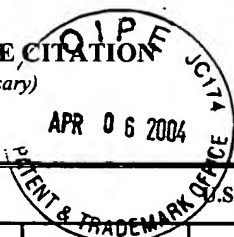
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	1	4,478,005	10/23/84	MUNDSCHEK	49	388	12/27/82
	2	4,938,513	07/03/90	GUNDERSON	292	80	10/25/89
	3	5,123,541	06/23/92	GIANNINI ET AL.	206	600	03/26/91
	4	5,634,675	06/03/97	MO	292	80	07/28/95
	5	6,220,637	04/24/01	KIERL	292	87	04/26/99

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
							YES	NO
	6	EP 0 829 600 A1	03/18/98	EPO			✓	

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

		COPY OF EUROPEAN SEARCH REPORT DATED JANUARY 6, 2004

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